

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

All the members except Rao Sahib I. N. Menon were present.

Swearing in of Members

Messrs. M. Sivarama Menon, M. Nanu Menon and T. S. Ramachandriyen were sworn in.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WATER SUPPLY IN MALA

301. Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether it is aware that the pumping wells at Mala are in a disorderly condition ;
- (b) whether the Government will be pleased to mend them ; and
- (c) whether the Government will be pleased to improve the public tank at Mala ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development):

- (a) No. The wells were already deepened and the pumps are now in good working order.
- (b) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (a).
- (c) The improvement of the Mala tank is a very costly affair. It will be enough and cheaper if a new smaller tank is sunk in the vicinity ; but in view of

the existing wells and pumps this question may wait for some more time.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): With respect to answer (c), may I know what the Government propose to do with the present large tank at Mala?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The matter is under consideration. I wanted to investigate whether improving this tank would not be better than sinking a smaller one. I have asked them to submit a report in the matter.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): May I hope that no final conclusion has been reached with respect to the matter referred to in answer (c)?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. No final conclusion has been reached.

FOOT-PATH—MANJANAKKAD JETTY TO NARAKKAL—OPENING OF

302. Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state,—

- (a) whether they have received any petition requesting for the opening of a foot-path from Manjanakkad boat jetty to Narakkal;
- (b) whether the Government have at any time sanctioned any amount for the opening of the construction of the said foot-path;
- (c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative,
 - (i) whether anything has been done with a view to the construction of the foot-path;
 - (ii) if not, what has been done with the amount sanctioned for that purpose;
- (d) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, whether the Government are aware that the said foot-path is an absolute necessity?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
- (c)
 - (i) The land acquisition proceedings were taken up but not completed.
 - (ii) The amounts lapsed to the Sirkar.